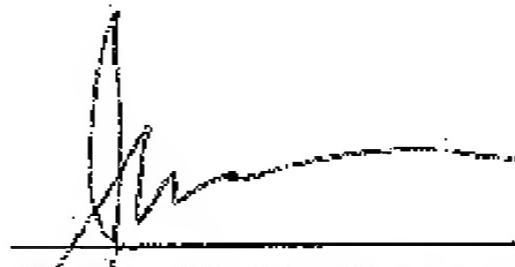


REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request that this amendment be entered by the Examiner. Applicants submit that the aforementioned amendments of the claims do not raise new issues or necessitate the undertaking of any additional search of the art by the Examiner, since all of the elements and their relationships were earlier claimed. Furthermore, applicants respectfully point out that this amendment addresses the § 112, first paragraph rejections of claims 70, 82, and 83, presenting the rejected claims in better form for consideration on appeal thereby simplifying the issues on appeal. Applicants note that these amendments have been made solely to advance prosecution, and applicants reserve the right to prosecute any canceled subject matter in this or a related application.

Enclosed is a Petition to extend the period for filing an Appeal Brief for three (3) months, to and including May 1, 2006. If there are any additional charges or any credits, please apply them to Deposit Account No. 03-2095.

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